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Dear Allen:

You will recall that Doug Dillon sent you a letter on August 29 on the United States Disarmament Administration. As you know, the Department of State has today issued a press release announcing its establishment.

To help launch this new organization, it has been proposed that the President set forth its purposes in a letter to the heads of agencies most closely associated with the U. S. Government's disarmament activities. A copy of this proposed letter is attached.

I am also enclosing a statement of the functions of the United States Disarmament Administration on which I would appreciate your comments. The functional statement will be incorporated in appropriate Department of State announcements and will, undoubtedly, be used in Congressional presentations.

I think it would be desirable if the Presidential letter could be issued and subsequent Department of State announcements on the new Administration be made within the next two or three days. I would, therefore, appreciate your urgent consideration of the attachments.

With warmest personal regards,

Most sincerely,

/s/ Chris

Christian A. Kerter

Attachments:

- 1) Copy of proposed letter from the President.
- 2) Statement of functions.

See

Disarmament Agency file.

The Honorable
Allen Dulles,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON



AUG 29 1960

Dear Allen:

On April 11, 1960, Chris wrote to you about the steps being taken pursuant to plans initiated by the President to establish a high-level organization within the Department of State to serve as a focal point for military and technical studies and research on disarmament. You will recall our plan to staff this organization in part with experts borrowed from the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, and the Atomic Energy Commission.

As you know, we have in the past several months been seeking a qualified public figure to head this organization. In the meantime, we have gone ahead with our plans. On or about September 1960, there will be announced the establishment within the Department of State of a United States Disarmament Administration. This organization will be staffed with personnel from other agencies as well as the Department of State.

In addition to coordinating or conducting an intensified program of study and research, the new organization will be responsible for formulating policies with respect to the limitation and control, by international agreement, of armed forces and weapons of all kinds and will have responsibility for direction and support of international negotiations in this field.

Mr. Edward A. Gullion has been appointed Acting Deputy Director of the Disarmament Group in the Department which will form the nucleus of the new United States Disarmament Administration. I have asked him to communicate with your agency to complete arrangements for the detail of personnel from your agency.

Mr. Philip Farley, now Special Assistant for Disarmament and Atomic Energy, will continue to serve as Special Assistant to Chris with responsibilities which will include nuclear and outer-space matters.

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The Honorable

Allen W. Dulles,

Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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We do not now contemplate any change in the present arrangements for inter-departmental participation in the development of policy on disarmament.

We look forward to continued cooperation with you in these matters of such great importance for our national security and well being, and are confident that we can build together an effective organization and a sound, resourceful policy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

/S/ DOUGLAS DILLON

Acting Secretary

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15 APR 1961

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The Honorable Christian A. Harter
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chris:

Thank you for your letter of 11 April on your intention to establish an organization with senior status within the Department of State as a focal point for disarmament study and research.

There is clearly a need for more systematic study and research on arms control problems than has been available to us up to this point. Hence, I believe that any organization which will give new impetus in this field is most desirable.

I note that you will be in touch with me shortly concerning the assistance you desire in staffing this new organization. We will be happy to assist in any way we can.

Faithfully yours,

AWD

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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14 April 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

SUBJECT : New State Organization for Disarmament

1. Attached for your signature is brief acknowledgment of Harter letter, endorsing his proposal in principle.
2. As background, Phil Farley tells me that State contemplates a semi-autonomous "authority" whose chief would be at a level comparable to Riddleberger or George Allen. It would not only monitor research but itself do arms control planning. Policy formulation, however, would remain on the same inter-departmental basis.
3. The new "authority" will be set up on an ad hoc basis this year, but State plans to seek enabling legislation in 1961.
4. [] and I both shared the Millian-Kistiakowsky view that this function should be lodged in the Executive Office, to raise it above the endemic interdepartmental hassling in this field. However, the die is now cast, and State's initiative is emphatically in the right direction.

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Dear Allen:

As you already know, the Department of State has been considering what steps it might take to strengthen its ability to deal with disarmament. It has done this in response to the President's wish that there be a permanent unit within the Government to handle disarmament and that this unit be in the Department of State.

We are establishing an organization which will have senior status within the Department of State and whose head will report directly to the Secretary of State. We hope to staff the organization in part with experts borrowed from CIA, AEC and the Department of Defense.

We envisage that the organization will be a focal point for political, military and technical study and research on disarmament. It will itself conduct or contract for some studies and research and will provide central coordination of similar activities which will, of course, continue in the agencies having responsibilities for aspects of disarmament.

We do not contemplate any change in the present arrangements for inter-departmental participation in the development of policy recommendations on disarmament.

We will shortly be in touch with you concerning the experts we hope you will assign to this organization.

Of course,

The Honorable
Allen Dulles,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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Of course, if in the meantime you have any questions on this matter, I shall be glad to discuss them with you.

With warmest personal regards,

Most sincerely,

/S/ CHRISTIAN A. HERTER

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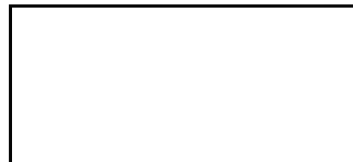
MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

SUBJECT : Reply to Herter Letter on USDA

1. The attached reply is drafted so that you can strike out any of the suggestions which do not appeal to you. However, and I both felt that the Presidential letter needed dressing up.

2. I understand that both Defense and AEC will have several minor amendments designed to ensure that the new USDA will in no way usurp the present inter-agency coordinating mechanism. Since State gave assurance to this effect in previous letters, we do not feel that we need labor this point.

3. Do you have any compunctions about CIA being publicly identified with the new USDA via the Presidential letter? Our past participation is of course no secret and was specifically mentioned in the official history of the Stassen effort, but ~~we~~ thought ~~we~~ would raise this point.



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DRAFT LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE

Dear Chris:

We have no objections to the proposed presidential letter or to the description of the functions of the new US Disarmament Administration attached to your letter of September 9th.

However, I do believe that the impact of the letter in particular as a public opinion document could be enhanced. For example, it might help to reorder the paragraphs putting the penultimate paragraph second and following it by what is now the fourth paragraph.

It might also be desirable to mention the President's expectation that an outstanding public figure will be appointed to head the new unit.

Finally, in view of the importance of this endeavor, I would tentatively suggest an additional function, i.e. "liaison with the Congress and with private organizations having interest and competence in the broad disarmament field." There may be valid reasons for omitting this or my preceding suggestion, but I do believe that they would enhance the public reception.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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13 September 1960

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TRANSMITTAL SLIP		DATE 15 September 1960
TO: ER		
ROOM NO.	BUILDING	
REMARKS: <p>Attached hereto is a complete set of Herter-Dillon-Dulles correspondence re new U.S. Disarmament Organization for your files. Some of this you have already had in your files and some of it is new. We are holding the original copies in Disarmament files.</p>		
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